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Joint Committee on Finance *100TH ANNIVERSARY 1911 - 2011*

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative Robin Vos

Date: August 30, 2011

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – OJA

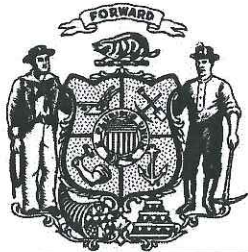
Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2, Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Office of Justice Assistance, received on August 30, 2011.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Vos** no later than **Monday, September 19, 2011** if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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August 22, 2011

The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair
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The Honorable Robin Vos, Co-Chair
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SUBJECT: Notification of Federal Block Grant

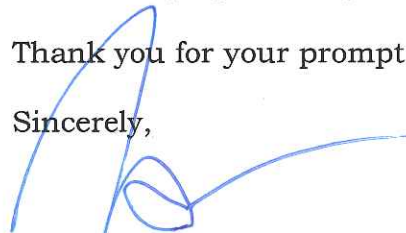
Dear Senator Darling and Representative Vos:

Attached is a request for expenditure of block grant funds being made available to the state by the federal government. Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2., the grant funds will be made available for encumbering through the allotment process 14 working days after the date of this notification letter, unless you notify me that a meeting has been scheduled for the Joint Committee on Finance to review the proposed expenditure of grant monies.

Please also contact State Budget Director Brian Hayes (266-1035) in the Department of Administration if you have any additional questions or if you schedule a meeting to review the proposed expenditure.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this notification letter.

Sincerely,


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

Date: August 22, 2011

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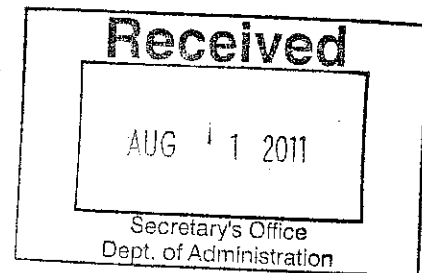


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August 9, 2011

Mike Huebsch, Secretary
Department of Administration
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Dear Secretary Huebsch:

The Office of Justice Assistance, on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, has applied for and received the annual block grant award to implement the federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. The award to the State of Wisconsin is **\$640,000** for Federal Fiscal Year 2011. This federal block grant requires legislative approval prior to OJA awarding out the funds.

OJA is the designated State Administering Agency (SAA) for JABG and must certify that the State is in compliance with federal regulations. OJA oversees that all funds are spent within the seventeen approved federal purpose areas required to support intervention and treatment programs in communities or improvements in the juvenile justice systems that hold juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent behavior.

Federal JABG Program Requirements

Seventy-five percent (75%) or **\$480,000** of the State's award must be passed directly to eligible units of government including municipalities and counties. These funds must be spent in one or more of seventeen (17) federally prescribed purpose areas. Jurisdictions entitled to more than \$10,000 based on the federal population formula are to be offered direct block grants in the amount generated by the formula. Other jurisdictions are eligible to apply for remaining funds, on a competitive basis, based on priorities of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission.

The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) or **\$160,000** of the State's award is allocated by the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) under the oversight of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission which serves as the mandatory Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition under the JABG program. These funds also must be spent in one or more of seventeen (17) federally prescribed purpose areas. Up to five percent (5%) of the total award may be spent on administrative costs although all administrative funds must be allocated from the 25% state portion of the award.

OJA also is required to establish an interest generating trust account in order to receive JABG funds. Interest funds may be used for allowable program purposes and with the Governor's approval. The Governor relies on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission to recommend discretionary non-direct JABG grants.

Wisconsin receives funds based on a federal formula which reflects the combination of statewide local law enforcement expenditures and Part 1 Crime as measured by annual Uniform Crime Reports to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Approximately 8 county and municipal governments receive direct awards based on the formula. As noted above, local governments that do not reach the \$10,000 threshold may apply for funds through a process administered by the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, based on their 3 Year Plan priorities.

Cash match is required for both state and local grant recipients. All programs other than construction/renovation require a 10% match; construction/renovation projects require a 50% cash match.

Statutory provisions to implement JABG awards appear in ss.20.505(6)(k), (m) and (p), Wis. Stats.

Federal and State Funds To Be Allocated

Total Federal Award:	\$640,000
Of total award-Federal Amount Available for Locals:	\$ 480,000
Of total award-Federal Amount Available for State; (includes \$32,000 of Administrative funds)	\$ 160,000
Of total award-Federal amount available for Administration:	\$ 32,000
Local match funded by locals:	\$ 53,333
Match funded by entities receiving State Share funds:	\$ 14,222
State match funded by State for Administration:	\$ 3,556

Your approval of this process for administering this federal program will assist communities throughout the State of Wisconsin in addressing the complex problems of juvenile delinquency and crime by holding youth accountable for their actions. I look forward to your review and encourage your endorsement of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Darcey Varese
Acting Deputy Director

cc: Leah Wavrunek